

THREE DEAD IN EXPLOSION

Crown Sheet in Rio Grande Engine Blows Up With Terrific Results.

ACCIDENT AT SOLDIER SUMMIT

William A. Goodale, Arthur B. Spear, and Leslie Matthis Yield Their Lives.

All Residents of Salt Lake City—Explosion Shakes Country for Miles Around.

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MYSTERIOUS CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY

Body Recognized by Father as That Of His Son Returned, the Not Very Grateful Son Being Alive.

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BIG FIRE IN PETERSBURG, VA.

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 3.—Seven business houses in Petersburg, Va., were destroyed by fire early today at a loss of approximately \$500,000, partly covered by insurance.

MURDERED IN HER HOME.

Sistersville, W. Va., Dec. 3.—Early today the coroner's jury concluded the inquiry which lasted through the night into the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Allen, 40 years of age, who was murdered by some unknown person in her home.

Immediately prosecutor K. C. Moore announced that three persons were under surveillance